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SUBJ: ARAFAT VISIT TO ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 7265

1. EGYPTIAN AMEBASSADOR (WHO HAD TALKED TO ARAFAT THE
EVENING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE) PROVIDED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND
TO AMBASSADOR. ASIDE FROM DISCUSSING LEBANESE SITUATION,
CEAUSESCU CONCENTRATED ON URGING ARAFAT TO THINK IN TERMS
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OF 1) CONCEPT OF PALESTINIAN STATE BEING SET UP ON WEST BANK AND IN

GAZA AND 2) ESTABLISHMENT NOW OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. ARAFAT DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS BEING RELUCTANT TO MOVE IN THESE DIRECTIONS UNTIL HE COULD SEE HIS WAY MORE CLEARLY TO A PALESTINIAN STATE COMING INTO BEING. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT ARAFAT, ALTHOUGH LEANING IN THOSE DIRECTIONS, UNDOUBTEDLY HAS IN MIND FACTIONALISM WITHIN PLO AS STUMBLING BLOCK ON BOTH COUNTS.

2. ARAFAT ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD NOT ASKED ROMANIANS FOR ANY MILITARY SUPPLIES (ROMANIANS EARLIER HAD FURNISHED SOME JEEPS AND SOME SMALL QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION) BUT ROMANIANS HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT ON THE CULTURAL SIDE AND IN PARTICULAR AGREED TO STEP UP THEIR TRAINING FACILITIES FOR PALESTINIAN SPECIALISTS WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NUMERICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION LIMITS. ARAFAT ALSO MENTIONED THAT ROMANIANS HAD BRIEFED HIM ON SCHINDLER (HEAD OF US COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS) VISIT WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS PART OF THEIR EFFORT TO EXPLAIN MODERATE ARAB POSITIONS TO THOSE WHO HAD ACCESS TO MODERATES IN ISRAEL.

3. IN HIS OPINION, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE SAW NO PARTICULAR TIMING FACTOR IN ARAFAT VISIT, FEELING IT MIGHT BE LINKED AS MUCH AS ANYTHING WITH ARAFAT'S DESIRE TO SHOW HIS APPRECIATION FOR CEAUSESCU'S EFFORT BY ALWAYS STOPPING IN BUCHAREST WHENEVER HE STOPPED IN BELGRADE.

4. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER WILL VISIT BUCHAREST BEFORE END OF THE MONTH. BARNES

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